(c) the measures contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Banking System

3116. SHRI N.J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India have taken any steps to set up a monitoring system with a view to develop a rationalised banking system in the country during the last three years, till-date;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the achievements made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Following steps have been taken to strengthen the monitoring of banks by the Reserve Bank of India during the last three years:

(i) Setting up of Board for Financial supervision.

(ii) Offsite monitoring system for banks.

(iii) Revamping of the system of on-site inspection.

(iv) Strengthening internal audit and inspection in banks.

(v) Annual inspections are now being undertaken for public sector banks, foreign banks and weak private sector banks.

(vi) Scheme for collection and dissemination of information relating to defaulters and suit field accounts.

(c) Most banks have achieved a turnaround by registering a downward trend in non-performing assets and general improvement in their overall performance.

[English]

Bank Guarantee From Sugar Exporters

3117. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to demand 10 percent Bank guarantee from all sugar exporters;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether his Ministry has also decided similar bank guarantee from the exporters of other agricultural products;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for such demand from sugar exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), an agency designated for issue of Registration-cum-Allocation Certificate for sugar exports, has fixed 5% of the F.O.B. value as performance guarantee.

(b) The condition to submit Bank Guarantee has been introduced to prevent speculative trade and cornering of quote by a few exporters and to ensure that exports actually take place against the allotted quota.

(c) and (d) Exporters of other agricultural products are required to furnish performance guarantee at the following rates:-

(i) Milk powder, butter and ghee @ 5% of the F.O.B. value

(ii) Coarse grains and wheat products @ 10% of the F.O.B. value.

(e) Does not arise.

Cement Plant in Andhra Pradesh

3118. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from South Korea to set up Cement Plant in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total cost of plant;

(c) whether permission for setting up the cement plant has been accorded by the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The question does not arise.

Funds to State Governments

3119. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: